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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Discount Pet Shots

The Romulus Animal Shelter is hosting its annual "Dog Days" program at the old DPW building (36451 Bibbins, corner of Shook) on Saturday, February 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost for a one-year rabies vaccination for dogs, cats, and ferrets will be just \$5. DHLPP (\$15), other inoculations, and dog licenses will be available, as well.

"No appointment is necessary," says Kim Matthews, Animal Control Officer. "Just crate or leash your pet and come on down!"

For more information, contact Matthews at 734-942-7591.

### Nurse Aide Classes

Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education is now accepting registrations for its "certified nurse assistant" class, which begins Tuesday, February 27. Tuition is free for qualified applicants. For more information, call 734-941-0610, ext. 227.

### Book Club Presents 'Black History' Events

The Romulus African-American Book Club – which kicked off its celebration of Black History Month on February 7 with a program on civil-rights leader/NAACP cofounder W.E.B. Du Bois – invites the public to attend the following programs about influential African-Americans:

- Mary McLeod Bethune (educator who sought improved racial relations and educational opportunities for Black Americans) – February 14;
- Langston Hughes (author)/with "special guest speaker" Judith Boswell Griffie – February 21; and
- "Little Boy King" (civil-rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)/with featured storyteller – February 28.

All will be held at Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please call 734-942-7589. □

## Mossoian To Be Principal Of New Elementary

Romulus Community Schools has chosen Lynne Mossoian to be the principal of the district's newest school, Romulus Elementary.

"Mossoian's appointment will provide strong leadership and greatly facilitate the scheduled August 2001 opening of our state-of-the-art school," said Superintendent Joel R. Carr. "She comes to the position with high qualifications, having been principal at Halecreek Elementary for the past 10 years, and also having served as director of the Beacon Day Treatment Center.

"Through her leadership," he added, "Halecreek students often achieved high scores on the MEAP [Michigan Education Assessment Program], and frequently exceeded state averages in various categories."

Mossoian says that she is "looking forward to the exciting challenges ahead" and views this appointment as a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

"My goal will be to develop an outstanding team which will involve and

partner with the community to establish outstanding educational achievement," she explained. "The combined efforts of staff and parents will allow us to create our own unique identity as well as a community-friendly school."

Mossoian has distinguished herself as head of the district's K-6 language-arts curriculum and assessments initiative, and has helped develop and write two successful Summer Literacy grants. She has also been a member of the district's Climate Committee and belongs to both the state and national associations for elementary principals and curriculum supervision.

"Under Mossoian's direction, the district has been able to successfully align the language-arts curriculum and add effective instructional techniques such as the 'four blocks' reading program," said Carr. "The Summer Literacy 2000 grant helped fund last year's district-wide summer school, which expanded opportunities for many Romulus children."



Lynne Mossoian

Mossoian says she is looking forward to meeting her new students and their parents, and will schedule "get acquainted" meetings in the spring. □

## District Welcomes Next Fall's Kindergartners; Surveys Parents About Future Program Types



Already preparing for the 2001-2002 school year are kindergarten staff and administrators (from left) Cathy Kudra (Halecreek teacher), Marge Olson (Kindergarten Committee member), Patricia Herbert (Merriman teacher), Patricia McCabe (Cory teacher), Debbie Juriga (Kindergarten Strand head and Wick Elementary principal), Karen Richard (Barth teacher), and Marilyn Wood (Wick teacher).

Last year, the Romulus Community Schools began a pilot all-day/every-day kindergarten program for students in the Merriman and Halecreek attendance areas. Because this program has proven to be so successful, reports spokesperson Dick Kruse, district officials are con-

sidering additional program options for the coming year, and will be seeking parents' input in order to establish programs that best meet the needs of the community.

"Since we will be asking parents to fill out surveys regarding their program

preferences, and will need time to evaluate those surveys, we will be conducting our annual kindergarten roundup programs much earlier this year," said Kruse. Among the options that parents will be asked to consider are:

- all-day/every-day kindergarten,
- alternate-day kindergarten,
- alternate-day kindergarten combined with child-care programs for non-school weekdays, and
- latchkey services with any of the above schedules.

In an effort to make the kindergarten roundup and orientation as "user friendly" as possible, the district plans to offer morning, afternoon, and evening sessions as well as individual appointments. Kruse says that residents should watch local and district newspapers for roundup dates, which will be announced within the next few weeks. Residents are asked to share this information with parents of possible kindergarten candidates (children who will be five years old by November 30, 2001).

For additional information, please see the advertisement on page 4 and/or call your area elementary school. □



## Letters to the Editor

*Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.*

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

### Romak Should Resign, Says Former Councilman

My Fellow Romulus Citizens:

It has been an honor and privilege to have served you as a Romulus Constable and uniformed police officer from 1955 to 1961, a Romulus Trustee from 1961 to 1970, and a Romulus City Councilman from 1970 to 1973, 1975 to 1985, and 1987 to 1997, when I retired. In addition, I have served as a member of the Romulus Planning Commission.

My responsibilities were to all of the citizens, not just a few noisy protesters. One of my responsibilities as your councilman was to protect your health, safety, and welfare. Many of you may remember that, in the past, I fought hard against dumps, landfills, and other suspected polluters where there was just cause.

I have lived in Romulus for over 50 years and have raised my family here. This is our home and we have many, many friends here.

Lately, I have been watching Councilperson Debbie Romak's carryings-on over the Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) injection well, and am shocked and saddened.

Romak says she has been fighting against the injection well since the beginning. This is nonsense. She is doing her absolute best to mislead the good citizens of our community and representatives of the media, most of whom may not remember the past.

I ask you to think back:

Where was Romak on October 31, 1990, when *The Romulus News* reported "Deep Well Disposal of Toxic Waste May Come to Romulus"?

Why wasn't Romak at the Romulus City Council meeting on December 10, 1990, when then-Mayor Beverly McAnally welcomed EDS into Romulus and the Council approved the project?

Where was Romak on January 17, 1991, when *The Romulus Roman* reported "Councilmembers Approve Waste Disposal Well in City"?

All I know is she wasn't fighting EDS.

Why did it take her three years to "discover" the well? I believe it's because former Mayor McAnally didn't want her involved until after she double-crossed EDS in late 1993.

You remember McAnally: She's the one who invited EDS into Romulus, accepted the \$500,000 royalty for the City, watched as EDS spent \$2 million drilling its well, and then double-crossed them and filed a lawsuit against them.

Our city has spent over \$1 million on lawyers fighting EDS, has lost every step of the way, and has also lost the \$500,000 royalty (which, over 30 years, would have amounted to \$15 million!).

Every once in a while I hear someone ask, "Why Romulus? Why did EDS pick Romulus as its well site?" EDS says it's because of good geology and good transportation, and because the waste waters are generated here. All true. But I know the principal reason: It's because Mayor McAnally invited them in – nothing more and nothing less.

Had McAnally said NO, none of this would ever have happened.

I believe it's finally time to ask what a lot of people have been whispering about for a long time: Is Romak being paid to protest against EDS?

I think it's mighty suspicious that Romak has been talking to EDS' competitors, who have shown up at public hearings to speak against the well. These competitors are now dumping hazardous waste in the sewers that flow under our neighborhoods and schools.

I can imagine the impact that EDS will have on these competitors – and how willing they might be to pay people to protest against the well.

Two weeks ago, Romak called for "civil disobedience" at a public hearing about the well. Can you imagine – a public official who has sworn to uphold the law is now calling for the public to break the law?! Romak should immediately resign from the City Council for violating her oath of office.

Lastly, I have read the reports from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, University of Michigan, Western Michigan University, and from the states of Ohio, Illinois, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Colorado, and California (where there are thousands of injection wells), as well as from Canada. These wells are safe – despite the propaganda put out by Romak.

I know it's hard for some of you to trust in the system. There was a time when I also had doubts. But the evidence is overwhelming, and it shows that Romak is just plain wrong.

EDS is here to stop the dumping in the sewers and has my full support. As for Romak: In my opinion, she does not represent the best interests of our citizens and has caused our community a lot of embarrassment.

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## "Elvis" Sightings at Vinny's



"Vinny's" proprietor Emin "Elvis" Metasan, former owner of downtown's Kozy Korner, is already a familiar face to many in Romulus.

By Rikki Strobos

Yes, it's true. The latest "Elvis" sightings are taking place right here in Romulus — at 6405 Middlebelt Road, to be exact.

That's the address of Vinny's Italian Submarine Shop, which is now under the ownership of Emin "Elvis" Metasan. If one were willing to indulge in a little hyperbole, one could say that the restaurateur is *almost* as familiar to the locals as "The King" himself, due to his former ownership of the downtown area's Kozy Korner.

Elvis's new establishment has a menu that features all the traditional fare found at a neighborhood deli — including an impressive variety of subs served on Italian-style hard-crust bread, as well as party subs, antipasto salad, potato salad, homemade soups, and homemade goodies like brownies and cookies — *plus* a bit of the unexpected.

"One of my customers' favorites is my homemade jerky, which I make fresh every day," he said. "I like serving things that are a little bit different and giving everyone a big variety of things to choose from. You can eat lunch here every day of the week, and never have the same thing twice."

Elvis manages Vinny's with the help of employee Jolyn Trojanowski, who, as a former restaurant owner in the city of Detroit, can lay claim to plenty of experience of her own.

"All our customers like Jolyn, not just because she is so friendly, but also because she takes good care of them," he explained.

Elvis says that he has enjoyed seeing so many of his old customers come into the new shop. "This city has been good to me, and I like the people here very much," he grinned. "I want to say a special thank-you to everyone who has supported me in my new restaurant, especially the Metro Airport employees and my old friends from Kozy Korner."

Born in Albania, Elvis came to the United States in 1986. He spent nine years learning the ins and outs of the food-service business by working in other people's restaurants before opening his own establishment five years ago. Currently, Elvis resides in Dearborn along with his seven-year-old son Arian.

Vinny's Italian Submarine Shop is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call 734-729-1700. □

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Kindergarten Roundup dates will be established and publicized in the near future. If you have any questions, call your area elementary school (Barth: 734-941-2821; Cory: 734-721-4757; Halecreek: 734-941-0536; Merriman: 734-941-6900; Wick: 734-326-4610) or Richard Kruse at 734-941-1600, ext. 231.

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## RHS Team Excels at Annual Plymouth Ice-carving Festival



Sophomore Joseph Miller works on his sea horse, which placed fourth in the high-school division at the Plymouth Ice-carving Festival.

Under the leadership of culinary-arts teacher Charles Usztics, Romulus High School students took five of the top eight prizes in the high-school division at the annual Plymouth Ice-carving Festival, the oldest and largest event of its kind in the United States. A total of 14 schools took part in the high-school competition, which was held on January 20.

The Romulus winners were:

- Linsey Hoppe ("pelican"; third place; \$75 prize)
- Joseph Miller ("sea horse"; fourth place; \$50 prize)
- Jennifer Case ("swan"; fifth place; \$50 prize)
- Sultan Sharrief ("fairy land"; sixth place; \$50 prize)
- Tim Wendt ("fish"; eighth place; \$50 prize)

"Our culinary-arts program is state-of-the-art, meets professional standards, and prepares students for post-secondary employment," explained Usztics. "Our students' fine performance is an indication of the high standard of this program."

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## 67 School District Employees Honored for Service Milestones

A special breakfast held at Romulus High School last month honored 67 Romulus Community Schools employees for reaching service milestones of ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty, and thirty-five years. The honorees were presented with pins and gift books; those

with 30 and 35 years of service received an attractive floral arrangement, as well.

The program also included a "Make Someone's Day" surprise for Nurse Laura Ralko, who was serenaded with a song written just for her in recognition of her service to the district.

The 67 honorees were:

### 10 Years of Service

Diane Bishop, Patricia Carter, Barbara Collier, Patricia Hamlet, Alice Hurdick, Cheryl Smith, and Marcia Stewart.

### 15 Years of Service

Lanis Applebee, Theola Austin-Mc-

Kay, Beverly Baker, Joan Christensen, Marsha Greca, Christine Harris, Sally Manning, Julius Nathaniel, Leo O'Connor, Sandra Rakoczy, Kathleen Van Valkenburg, Carole Weidemann, and Donzella Williams.

### 20 Years of Service

Rosalie Berlinn, Barbara Bossidis, Karen Kendrick, Connie Nowland, Sandra Savage, and Kris Weimer.

### 25 Years of Service

Phyllis Adkins, Robert Beauchamp, Lynn Behta, Mary Ann Bush, Christine Consales, Lorraine Demeter, Linda Denham, Vera Fields-Otis, Gretchen Firestone, Marjorie Fraley, Norbert Glover, Linda Goulette, John Hadyniak, Christine Hobson, Theresa Kamensky, Conseuelo Knight, Estella Knight, Donald Makowski, Lynne Mossoian, Nancy O'Connor, James Oliver, Dawn Pluff, Cynthia Price, Kathleen Shipp, Laura Smith, Shirley Soltesz, Sheila Stasak, and Eleonore Wilmott.

### 30 Years of Service

Ronald Bayes, Judith Barthwell, Rodney Hanna, Deborah Juriga, Patricia McCabe, Opal McClendon, Leota McCraight, Jesse Meriweather, Rose Raspberry, Delores Raub, Candace Walters, and Marilyn Wood.

### 35 Years of Service

Alvin Dupree.

(More photos on page 7.)



The 25-year honorees included (from left): front – Sheila Stasak, Christine Consales, Dawn Pluff, Vera Fields-Otis, Lynne Mossoian, Conseuelo Knight, Theresa Kamensky, and Linda Goulette; back – Eleonore Wilmott, Laura Smith, Shirley Soltesz, Lynn Behta, Cynthia Price, Nancy O'Connor, Marjorie Fraley, Gretchen Firestone, Robert Beauchamp, Phyllis Adkins, Norbert Glover, Lorraine Demeter, John Hadyniak, Linda Denham, Christine Hobson, Mary Ann Bush, Donald Makowski, Leota McCraight (30-year honoree), and Kathleen Shipp.

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# Service Milestones



Those employees who were recognized for giving 10 years of loyal service to the Romulus Community Schools included (from left): Patricia Carter, Diane Bishop, Patricia Hamlet, Alice Hudick, Barbara Collier, and Marcia Stewart.



Among the employees who were honored for 15 years of service to the district were (from left): Donzella Williams, Christine Harris, Lanis Applebee, Kathleen Van Valkenburg, Beverly Baker, Leo O'Connor, and Sandra Rakoczy.



Those employees who were recognized for giving 20 years of loyal service to the Romulus Community Schools included (from left): Sandra Savage, Connie Nowland, Karen Kendrick, Barbara Bossidis, and Rosalie Berlinn.



Among the 30-year honorees were (from left): Opal McClendon, Patricia McCabe, Deborah Juriga, Rodney Hanna, Candace Walters, Judith Barthwell, Delores Raub, Jesse Meriweather, Rose Raspberry-Fischer, and Ronald Bayes.



District Curriculum Director Tom Dolan (left) and Board of Education Vice-president Ken Berlinn (right) congratulated Alvin Dupree for 35 years of service to the district.



(From left) Nurse Laura Ralko was serenaded by district staff members Connie Knight, Robin Omev, Carole Bales, Ellen Bragg, and Louise Briody in recognition of the many special projects she has implemented.



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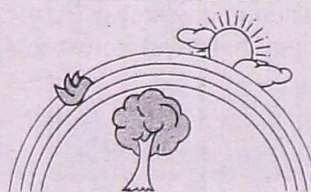
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## Community Calendar

- **PWP Hosts "Valentine's Day Dance"** – Downriver Chapter #369 of Parents Without Partners invites you to its "Valentine's Day Dance," to be held at the Taylor Moose Lodge (9981 S. Telegraph Rd., between Wick and Goddard, Taylor) on Friday, February 9, at 9 p.m. (An orientation for prospective members is planned for 8 p.m.) Admission is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. Cash bar. Music provided by Sound Spectrum. For more information, please contact PWP Board President George Graff at 313-388-8488.
- **Local Seniors Invited To Attend "Snowball Gala"** – Students in Mrs. Swint's personal-finance class at Romulus High School are hosting a "Snowball Gala" for local senior citizens on Friday, February 9, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Transportation will be provided for those who need it. Although admission is free, early registration is recommended due to limited space. Deadline for RSVP is February 2. Call 942-6852 (Romulus residents) or 782-2626/753-4466 (Huron Township residents).
- **Free Valentine Craft Class** – Children in grades K–6 are invited to take part in a Valentine craft class being offered at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Rd., next to City Hall) at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 10. Although there is no charge to participate, advance registration is required. Call 734-942-7589.
- **Preschool Storytime: "Nursery Rhyme Time"** – Children ages three to five who are ready for independent listening, but are not yet in kindergarten, are invited to take part in the winter/spring storytime program at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Rd., next to City Hall). The program will feature stories, games, and crafts related to its "Nursery Rhyme Time" theme. Parents can choose between the Tuesday evening (7 p.m.) session, which will begin February 13 and continue through March 20, or the Thursday morning (10:30 a.m.) session, which will begin February 15 and continue through March 22. Although the program is free, space is limited, so early registration is recommended. Call 734-942-7589.
- **Dinner/Discussion Puts Focus on Getting Heart Smart** – The 21st Century Learning Center's next "Health, Family, and You" dinner/discussion program – to be held at Wick Elementary on Thursday, February 15 – will focus on learning to be heart smart. Dinner (6–6:20 p.m.) will be followed by a guest speaker (6:20–6:50 p.m.) and Q & A (6:50–7 p.m.). Children will attend a related presentation especially for them. To register for this free program, call 734-722-1050, ext. 273.
- **RHS Class of 1981 To Host 20-year Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1981 is in the process of planning its 20-year reunion. Any alumni interested in attending the event or becoming part of the planning committee are asked to contact Shona Silvey-Baum at 313-999-0016 or Lisa Riopelle at 313-492-7031. (Note: The first planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 18. Call for more information.)
- **Learn To Fly Gliders** – The Adrian Soaring Club will begin a 12-week ground-school program on February 19. The program is open to anyone aged 14 to 75 who is interested in learning to fly. Classes – taught by FAA-licensed instructors – will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday. Cost is \$40. Space is limited, so register early. For more information, call Bill (734-483-1523).
- **Historical Society Welcomes New Members** – The Romulus Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on February 21) at the Romulus Historical Museum (on Hunt St. next to the Post Office). New members are welcome.
- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 S. Wayne Rd., at Goddard) by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can ask questions of the Mayor and his guests by calling 734-942-7571.
- **Historical Museum Open to Visitors** – The Romulus Historical Museum, located on Hunt Street next to the Post Office in downtown Romulus, is open to the public each Sunday (except major holidays) from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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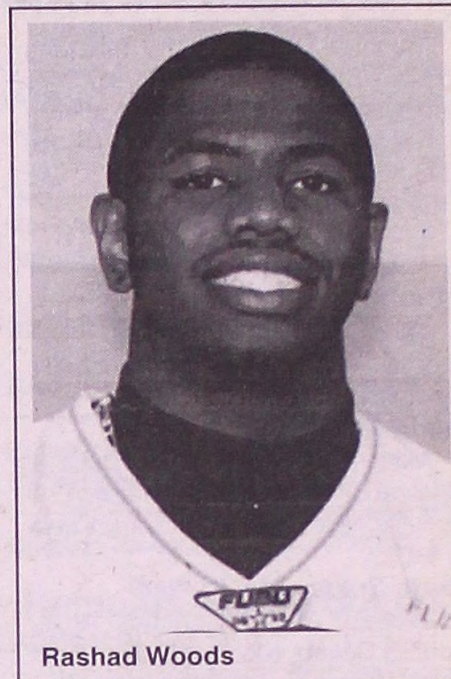
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## Woods Attends "Presidential Classroom"

Rashad Woods, a senior at Romulus High School, is taking part in a "Presidential Classroom" program that's being held in Washington, D.C., this week. The program gives scholars a firsthand look at the interplay between scientific advances and the political process, says district spokesperson Dick Kruse.

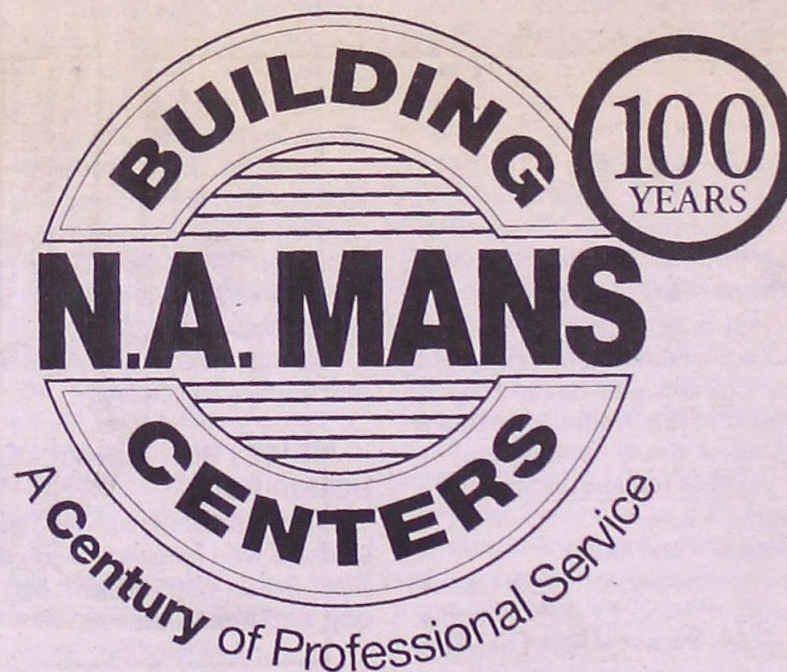
"This leading civic education program stresses the adaptation of public policy to technology, as well as the policies and legislation that result," he said.

"This is an excellent opportunity," said Woods, the son of Romulus Board of Education president Michael Woods. "I'm especially looking forward to touring the White House, meeting with senators and representatives from our state, and getting to know other students from across the country." □



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# Romulus Students Recognized for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following Romulus Community Schools students whose hard work earned them a spot on the honor roll and/or perfect-attendance list for the second card-marking period of the 2000-2001 school year.

## Cory Elementary

### HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who made the Principal's Honor Roll.

#### Fourth Grade – Ms. D. Pluff

Meriah Chapman, \*Melissa DuFore, Christina Gillespie, \*Mariah Haney, Eric Savitskie, Nicole Siemaszko, and Kaela Torres.

#### Fourth Grade – Ms. K. Pluff

Michael Allen, \*Christine Amis, \*Rodney Cofield, Nicholas Curry, Sarah Driale, \*Gary Nemeth, Cedric Staples, Ashley Wilson, and Amanda Zavitz.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

\*Cody Barnes, Jessica Cronk, Justin Hartman, \*Felicia Olson, Dominique Ross, Nigere Simpson, and Sam Wells.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Hartman

Jasmine Brown, Patrick Farkas, Patricia Reyna, Thomas Slatinsky, and Akara Stovall.

#### Fifth Grade – Mr. Radford

\*Brian Cummings, Kassandra Gray, Chris McGovern, Alecia Morgan, \*Darius Ross, Lorenzo Wells, and \*Clara Winborn.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Melissa Cofield, Anjanette Hood, Jacob Pykor, Aaron Rollin, \*Kyle Sherwood, LeRoy Talley, and Calicia Warren.

#### Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Brieana Bray, Jason Burnette, Amber Cruce, \*Yetunde Emanuel, \*Rashaunda Graham, Cassandra Hayton, Ernest Holton, Kirk Patterson, \*Tiffany Penn, Manuel Smith, \*Renea Sperry, \*Justin Wasiak, Kristopher Wein, and \*Theresa Windom.

#### Sixth Grade – Ms. Miller

Maurice Anderson, \*Nicole Carroll, \*LaRhonda Colvin, Quintin Gregory, James Hayes, Rebecca LaBo, \*Aurielle McCauley, Alésandra Smith, Jacqueline Smith, Caitlyn Wagner, and Mariay Watt.

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

#### Kindergarten "A" – Mrs. McCabe

Ciara Dawson and Rachael Soard.

#### Kindergarten "B" – Mrs. McCabe

Elaine Charles and Macee Logerstedt.

#### First Grade – Mrs. Coryea

Adnan Berisha and Demetrius Holmes.

#### First Grade – Ms. Green

Anthony Cipirani, Franchella Foreman, Shantelle Harris, Allen Lavendar, and Steven Nemeth.

#### First Grade – Ms. Watson

Andrianna Barden, Meagan Bratcher, LaToya Colvin, LéAndray Gilkey, Kevin Makela, and Azia Riley.

#### Second Grade – Mrs. Brennan

Zachary Curry, Zoatta Hogan, Kah-rah Noel, and Les'cia Watkins.

#### Second Grade – Mrs. McGlynn

Kyra Crawford, Jonathan Stone, and Garret Vallade.

#### Second Grade – Ms. Roberts

Tyreca Froust, Shauntia Sanford, and Derek Sears.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Norwood

Catherine Bratcher, Jasmine Harris, Richard Makela, Zachary Nastal, and Juwan Piggee.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Walters

Rola Emanuel, Mercedes Hawes, Domonique Holmes, LaKeita Jones, Amber Sears, and Amber Wood.

#### Fourth Grade – Ms. D. Pluff

Shannon Bratcher, Eugene Dixon, Janelle Farley, Melissa Groce, and Ronald Kersey.

#### Fourth Grade – Ms. K. Pluff

Michael Allen, Christine Amis, André Cuevas, Nicholas Curry, Linda Haggen, Felicia Martin, Cicely Shaw, Kanisha Tatum, and Amanda Zavitz.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

Jessica Cronk, LeAia Gilkey, and Nigere Simpson.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Hartman

Patrick Farkas and Rose Julius.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Anjanette Hood, Cordero Jones, Brittany Perry, Reggie Pratt, Aaron Rollin, Kyle Sherwood, and LeRoy Talley.

#### Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Brieana Bray, Roderick Brown, Richard Camacho, Stephanie Clever, Marissa Cronk, Cassandra Hayton, Kirk Patterson, Tiffany Penn, Courtney Purvis, Justin Wasiak, and Kristopher Wein.

#### Sixth Grade – Ms. Miller

LaRhonda Colvin, Antionice Hearst, and Aurielle McCauley.

## Halecreek Elementary

### HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received "high honors."

#### Fifth Grade – Mr. Leucht, Ms. McAnally, and Mrs. Slater

Justyne Alger, Cody Bailey, Tiffany Conradson, LeRoy Eberly, Alfonso Garcia, April Gondek, Justin Huckestein, Keisha Jackson, Tiffany James, Vaughn Liendo, Meishia Martin, Miranda McDiarmid, Keith Sims, Samantha Stewart, \*Abigail Tieppo, and Demar Watkins.

#### Sixth Grade – Mr. Miller

Sarah Berger, \*Olivia Berry, Candice Bruckner, Lester Burton, Justen Kiser, Jesse Lambert, Maureen McGlynn, \*Jessica Mills, Lauren Nierman, Gary Puhl, Joshua Ray, Mattea St. Peter-Zolkiewicz, \*Kevin Stobbe, Mara Thorne, and Desirea Yates.

#### Sixth Grade – Ms. Pearson

Courtnee Briggs, Alyse Hopkins, Luke Hotchkiss, Sarah Houser, \*Jessica James, Joseph Lewis, Kody McLaughlin, Jesse Spicer, and Daryl Wilson.

## Merriman Elementary

### HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who have earned high honors.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Demetri Clanton, Aaron Dismuke, Monáe Drouillard, Chance Dunigan, \*David Genaw, Holly Henry, \*Courtney Hollingsworth, Angelique Renfroe, \*Jakub Skotak, Scottie Snook, Ravyn Stigall, Ashley Strickland, \*Zachary Toilolo and \*Ciara Turner.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Nate Bolduc, Victoria Chatmon, Shelby Cholette, \*Kasandra Coatsworth, Angel Dale, Kelly DeFrank, Aron Flynn, \*Semaja Ford, Desirée Frison, Ashley Linne, Drew McKinney, \*Kazam Sheikh, Cody Szostek, Trina Vinson, and Tiffany Zanotti.

#### Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Michael Archie, Shaun Booth, Lindsey Cobb, and Timothy Dalton, \*Emily Davis, \*Mikey Foley, \*Jacob Gladden, and \*Alise Whalen.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Raub

Roderick Barksdale, Gislain Bien-Aimé, Toni Cross, \*Ashley Fitzpatrick, Megan Hammonds, Christon Landfair, Amanda Roehrich, and \*Narjis Sheikh.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Kentrell Brown, Joey Coatsworth, Brittany Drouillard, Charlene Foster, Samantha Foster, \*Jennifer Hollingsworth, Robert Knick, Beverly Miller, Amanda Nelson, Amanda Saylor, Eric Taylor, Jeremy Taylor, Sasha Wade, Dyonna White, Julian Williams.

#### Fifth Grade – Mrs. DeLeo

Shontez Akins, Stephanie Barnes, Tony Barrios, \*Mike Behnke, Caren Brock, Durrell Curry, Jonathon Daugherty, Trisha Davidson, Brittany Dismuke, \*Amanda Menser, Danielle Milhem, Chiara Snook, and Brianne Stigall.

#### Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

\*Katie Cobb, Lindsay Mitchell, \*Amna Sheikh, and Lindsey Williamson.

#### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Bradlee

MaReesha Branch, Chantelle Griggs, Joshua Haener, Sara Heitz, Lisa Johnson, Deanna Kordonis, Martez Lewis, Jakali McClendon, \*Richelle Mortzfield, Jetaun Robinson, Courtney Turner, Erika Wasson, Ambria Winston, and Gary Wogaman.

#### Mrs. Kapala

Alex Kilby.

#### Mrs. Watkins

Joshua Arnet, William Blackburn, Louis Caldwell, Stacy Davidson, and Cari Hoskinson.

### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Note: This new category recognizes younger students who have achieved outstanding marks in language arts, social studies, math, and science for both quarters of the school year.

#### First Grade – Mrs. Goulette

Najea Brown, Sarena Dillon, and Angelic McCullers.

#### First Grade – Ms. Prisco

Stephanie Jeffrey and Nathan Wilkerson.

#### First Grade – Ms. Stock

Cierra Toliver.

### BUG ROLL

Note: The following students are recognized for "bringing up grades."

#### First Grade – Ms. Stock

Ryan Beesley, Corey Davis, and Cody Deaton.

#### Second Grade – Mrs. Orme

Brianna Berge, Natasia Campbell, Nicole Coffey, Tré Davis, and Richie Denny.

#### Second Grade – Mrs. Smith

Amille Black, John Bennett, Danielle Doyle, Taylor Hardoin, William Powell, Keara Horton, Erik Radford, and Nan Sheikh.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Courtney Blakeney, Lévan Card, Demetri Clanton, David Genaw, Michael Miller, Jakub Skotak, Ravyn Stigall, and Zachary Toilolo.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Nate Bolduc, Angel Dale, Kelly DeFrank, Aron Flynn, Kiara Lane, and Cody Szostek.

#### Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Emily Davis and Timothy Dalton.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Raub

Dylan Boyd and Arian Brewer.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Rachel Brann, Kentrell Brown, Joseph Coatsworth, Michael Cochran, Alonzo Dixon, Brittany Drouillard, Charlene Foster, Samantha Frazier, Jennifer Hollingsworth, Jerry Josepeit, Robert Knick, Michella Langston, William Lukas, Whitney Martinez, Beverly Miller, Tanisha Miller, Jazmine Molden, Amanda Nelson, Laron Rodgers, Amanda Saylor, Eric Taylor, Jeremy Taylor, Tiffany Turner, Sasha Wade, Dyonna White, JaJuan Whitlow, and Julian Williams.

#### Fifth Grade – Mrs. DeLeo

Shontez Akins, Tony Barrios, Mike Behnke, Amy Binder, Alisa Carter, Juanita Catalano, Durrell Curry, Johathon Daugherty, Crystal Denny, Brittany Dismuke, Brandon Drouillard, Elizabeth Hardoin, Tierra Hunter, Brian Johnson, Amanda Menser, Danielle Milhem, Anne Sandusky, Brianne Stigall, Kyle Timbrooks, Cortez Turner, and Christopher Zanotti.

#### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Kapala

James Allen, Brian Bostain, and Andre Walker.

### ADMIRABLE ATTENDANCE

Note: The following students have perfect attendance or have missed just one day of school.

#### Kindergarten "A" – Mrs. Hebert

Marc-Olivier Bien-Aimé, Gwendolyn Block, Alyssa Garland, Jordan Genigeski, Ivonne Lewis, SeShawn Pickett, Anthony Williams, and Christopher Williams.

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### Kindergarten "B" – Mrs. Hebert

Amonté Clayton, Taywon Eaton, Jordan Edwards, Savannah Henry, Michael Kerr, Emma Perkins, Kendall Perkins, Kyle Stevens, Aaron Toles, Austin Toles, and Mercedes Williams.

### First Grade – Mrs. Goulette

Najea Brown, Nicholas Brown, Jessica Coatsworth, Laura Corpe, Sarena Dillon, India Graham, Luther James, Donald Matthews, and Angelic McCullers.

### First Grade – Mrs. Prisco

Bianca Bien-Aimé, Gabrielle Bradley, Amber Bussell, Shavontae Melchor, Nicholas Shotwell, Alexis Siemaszko, Shaina Smith, and Nathan Wilkerson.

### First Grade – Ms. Stock

Corey Davis, TayNeisha Easton, Ajee Hurst, Mark Lowe, Rayven Rodgers, Cierra Toliver, and Marquese Williams.

### Second Grade – Mrs. Ball

Karen Cline, Michael Green, Shyla Harbin, Cameron Reaves, Christopher Roehrich, and Diamond Smith.

### Second Grade – Mrs. Orme

Natasia Campbell, Richie Denny, Ryan Genigeski, Frances Haener, Sarah Payne, Fatima Sheikh, Jaclyn Summer-ville, and Britton Williamson.

### Second Grade – Mrs. Smith

Robert Brewer, Danielle Doyle, Alesha Howington, Elisha McRoy, Lucas Molic, William Powell, Nan Sheikh.

### Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Lévan Card, Demetri Clanton, Aaron Dismuke, Joshua Martinez, Shakiah Ready, and Scottie Snook.

### Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Nate Bolduc, Kasandra Coatsworth, Kelly DeFrank, James Fox, Shainaya Heard, and Kazam Sheikh.

### Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Shaun Booth, Kevin Brown, Jimmie Card, Emily Davis, Mikey Foley, and Alise Whalen.

### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Raub

Roderick Barksdale, Adrian Brewer, Tiara Green, Jayvon Hardaway, Armintha Nelson, Narjis Sheikh, Stephen Williams, and RaeShawn Lightsey.

### Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Kentrell Brown, Michael Cochran, Jerry Josepeit, Whitney Martinez, Laron Rodgers, and Julian Williams.

### Fifth Grade – Mrs. DeLeo

Shontez Akins, Stephanie Barnes, Mike Behnke, Amy Binder, Caren Brock, Brittany Dismuke, Elizabeth Hardoin, Jessica Hubert, Brian Johnson, and Chiara Snook.

### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Austin

Dustin Armstrong, Candace Boyd, TaSherra Fenderson, Terence Jackson, and Amna Sheikh.

### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Bradlee

MaReesha Branch, Adam Bryant, Chantelle Griggs, Martez Lewis, Martinez Nelson, Sheatelle Odom, Kelvin Shields, Courtney Turner, and Erika Wasson.

### Mrs. Kapala

James Allen and Andre Walker.

### Mrs. Watkins

William Braden, Louis Caldwell, and Stacey Davidson.

## Wick Elementary

### HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.

### Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

Mahelia Benjamin, Zachary Beregsasy, \*DeAndray Buckley, LeAnne Dawson, Martel Ellis, Tia Evans, Brandon Fryar, \*Sheldon Gage, \*Seth Gasser, Alexander Hicks, Whitney Long, Charlena Mabry, \*Paige Pizzo, and Ashlee Wade.

### Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Holly Atchley, \*Beatrice Boyd, Derek Forbes, Raquel Humphrey, Antonio James, Ayonna Lawrence, Brandon Love, Samantha Marcum, Jason Moore, Alexis Myrick, Chelsea Price, Alec Staten, and \*Ashley Wagle.

### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

\*Jasmine Abney, \*Levi Adams, Brad Burcroff, Chris Campbell-Fultz, Carlie Frye, Troy Gray, \*Alisha Moon, Tamica Mosley, Latrice Parnell, Mikayla Pastor, Kiarra Sandefur, Asia Shareef, and \*September Waites.

### Fourth Grade – Miss Constant

Romel Arrington, Jamie Caudron, Joshua Horne, Kyara Lee, Bianca Mack, Antoine Patterson, Chantal Payne, Demetrius Price, and \*Makayla Williams.

### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Motyka

Jessica Barber, Krystal Burrell, Tina Marie Carter, \*Lauren Jones, Quinn Nash, \*Grant Pizzo, Miranda Snyder, and Jon Swagerty.

### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Gable

\*Heather Baval, \*Carmen Collie, Shaniya Dye, Kristina Hall, Jacob Krell, Darius Osborne, \*Shawna Pitman, \*Samuel Pizzo, Justin Price, and Matthew Wagle.

### Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Antoine Baines, LaTanya Bellinger, Nicholas Bennett, Marwin Boyd, \*Kristen Dubisky, Christopher Floyd, Darius

Graves, Kenneth Hall, \*Steven Hawes, Larry Horne, \*Tanisha Hubbard, Jeffery Ingle, Lawrence Jones, Thomas Kortas, Lance Rusan, and Mario Williams.

### Fifth Grade – Miss Williams

Dominique Buckley, \*Dean Burcroff, Tiffani Cannon, Kia Cunegin, Tiara Grandison, Rodney Humphrey, Rachel Jensen, Nicole Love, Valencia Mathews, and Krystal Nault.

### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Meredith

Michael Darden, Alicia Jackson, Marco Little, Chrissy Meeks, Bobby Russell, Shantrice Tatum, and Lorenzo Wilson.

### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Shon Aggison, Andrew Boyd, \*Jessica Dick, Antoine James, Cherica Peoples, Alex Sampson, Monay Smith, and \*Shakita Wilson.

### Sixth Grade – Miss Richard

\*Jennifer Dick, Jaclyn Evanski, Demaryst Garwood, \*Richie Remilius, and \*Brittany Wright.

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

### Kindergarten "A" – Mrs. Wood

Chelsea Shellman and Caleb Sims.

### Kindergarten "B" – Mrs. Wood

Alicia Adams, Nancy Burcroff, Danielle Davis, Rodney Mitchell, and Tiffanay Woolford.

### First Grade – Mrs. Chasney

Dawan James, William McGinnis, and Andre Thomas.

### First Grade – Mrs. West

Myles Boyd, Aaliyah Eatmon, Dylan Martinez, and Robert Tomlinson.

### Second Grade – Miss Forth

Taekola Coleman, Kaci Hall, Malcolm Jones, Shealyn Melville, Raven Parnell, and Jazmine Williams.

### Second Grade – Mrs. Markavich

Dennis Dixon and Amanda Wagle.

### Second Grade – Mrs. Otis

Brieanna Boyd, Khalil Hamilton, Malik Jones, and Moneisha Thomas.

### Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

Mahelia Benjamin, Sheldon Gage, Joshua Krell, Charlena Mabry, and Melissa Robbins.

### Third Grade – Mrs. Lewis

Dominique Carroll, Johnny Johnson, and Tabien Roberts.

### Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Beatrice Boyd, Kyana Lee, Chelsea Price, Jamarco Stephens, and Ashley Wagle.

### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Brad Burcroff, Chris Campbell-Fultz, Alisha Moon, Latrice Parnell, Kiarra Sandefur, Asia Shareef, and September Waites.

### Fourth Grade – Miss Constant

Romel Arrington, Jamie Caudron, and Kyara Lee.

### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Motyka

Krystal Burrell, Deondre Fields, and Lauren Jones.

### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Gable

D'Anthony Carroll, Kristina Hall, Jacob Krell, Carl Roscoe, and Garyt Stephens.

### Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Antoine Baines, LaTanya Bellinger, Nicholas Bennett, Marwin Boyd, Kristen Dubisky, Christopher Floyd, Rashad Glenn, Steven Hawes, Larry Horne, Tanisha Hubbard, Lawrence Jones, Thomas Kortas, Jasmine Long, and Mario Williams.

### Fifth Grade – Miss Williams

Valencia Mathews.

### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Meredith

Marco Little.

### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Joshua Dew, Jessica Dick, Alex Sampson, and Shakita Wilson.

### Sixth Grade – Miss Richard

Jennifer Dick, Demaryst Garwood, Kandice Wells, and Brittany Wright.

## Romulus Middle School

### HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.

### Seventh Grade

Nicole Adams, Carla Anderson, Kathryn Appel, Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Eugene Arrington, Nikole Austin, Amanda Bailey, Ronald Baker, \*Megan Bearman, James Bell, \*Lauren Belle, Richard Bennett, Lindsay Beregsasy, \*Bradley Bills, James Blanton, Jarran Booker, Lisa Boteler, \*Landria Buckley, \*Ayibitari Burutolu, Jennifer Caloia, Tamara Carney, Darryl Carroll, Joshua Carroll, \*Ronald Carter, Elvis Celske, Kenny Charles, Mari Clay, Gregory Clever, Carmen Coleman, Shaneta Cotton, Lindsay Coughlin, Adam Delay, Brian Demoisey, \*Katherine Drayton, Katrell Duncan, Jason Elwell, Ryan Foster, Jessica Fox, Bradley Garland, \*Doloris Garry, Dean Gilbert, Carl Gillespie, Ryan Goforth, Lindsay Green, Timothy Griggs, Anthony Groce, Brittani Haney, \*Samina Haq, Lester Hardy, Anthony Harris, Nedra Harris, Nodja Harris, Bridgette Hawes, Jeannie Hayes, Amanda Hollis, Ashley Horyn, Tiffany Hoults, Michael Hudson, Alan Huguley, Jennifer Hunter, Ashley Johnson, Tom-Meka Johnson, Danielle Keller, Jacob Kettlewell, Matthew Koester, Shannon Kowalski, Robert Kubicki, Jennifer Lamers, LaMyeishia Lewis, Erica Linton, Christopher Lucaj, Courtney MacDougall, Quinton Mark, Justin Maupin, Monnet McCroan, Krystle McKay, \*Jonathan McLachlan, Devin Milhouse, Jessica Moore, Corey Mortzfield, Ashley Moss, Tiffany Motsch, Chrisma Nathaniel, Michelle Nelson, Amanda Nowicki, Rhea Partee, Kristine Plank, Whitney Poole, Jonathan Rafalski, \*Anisa Rakic, Robert Ray, Timothy Reed, Nistosha Rhea, \*Brian Rodger, Anne Ross, Brandon Ross, Thomas Rutherford, Arlenea Savage, Jessica Sears, Stacey Shreve, Patricia Silvey, Robert Staffieri, Alfred Stewart, Mary Stewart, Siera Stewart, Dennis Suiter, Jeffrey Taylor, Brian Thiede, Diana Thompson, Ileana Usz-

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tics, Antonia Walker, \*Tanise Walker, Dustin Walters, Jeremiah Warren, Diamond Washington, Ashlee Wells, Megan Whalen, Lerodd Williams, Patricia Williams, Amanda Willingham, Velon Willis, and Jessica Workman.

### Eighth Grade

Ashley Allen, LaToya Allen, \*Kristen Atchley, Horace Baines, Janee Barnes, \*Jasmine Bennett, \*Tiffany Block, Brenden Boyd, Donald Brewer, Daniel Brown, \*Ronnie Brown, Antoine Burrell, Teela Carroll, \*Justin Chapman, Maurio Clark, Anica Coate, Monica Cox, Derrick Dugan, Amy Ehrenberg, Lauryn Farkas, Anitra Glimps, \*Katie Hale, Jeremy Harris, Paris Hawkins, Brittany Johnson, Lucretia Johnson, Candace Lawrence, Mallori Losacco, Lisa Miller, Leah Moore, Luke Moore, Anjelique Moss, Colleen Mumford, Antoinette Nelson, Candace Parsons, Shawn Perkins, Andrea Redding, Tina Robinson, \*Philip Roscoe, \*Megan Scott, Hameed Seifuddin, Lindsay Sharp, \*Sawaira Sheikh, Jennifer Shelton, \*Jessica Shelton, Ashley Sibby, Tiffany Smith, Paulette Stanford, Dwayne Starnes, Matt Steffani, Avery Stephenson, Crystal Stewart, Daniel Strange, Anastasia Strother, Tiffany Sucharski, Jamie Suiter, \*Joann Tieppo, \*Jessica Trahey, Darrell Ward, Sarah Ward, Natalie Watt, Danté Williams, Sarah Williams, Kim Wilson, \*LaShonda Windham, Ryan Witherow, Brian Woods, Ashley Wright, Kesiha Wright.

### Romulus High School PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Note: The following students have a GPA of 3.5 to 4.0.

### Ninth Grade

Darnell Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Elizabeth Berry, Natalie Blake, Kenneth Booker, Carla Broom, Ahmad Caldwell, Cassie Caldwell, Kristina Camilleri, Rhiannon Crawford, James Davis, Tanya Formosa, Jessica Frost, Toni Gibson, Sabrina Gomes, Christian Hadden, Sarah Herbert, Roy Hollis, Jerad Kiser, Timothy Lewis, Sarah Lindroth, Angela Lukas, Patrick McCollum, Matthew Mortzfield, Natasha Murray, Rebecca Oros, Lajoya Orr, Tylon Pitts, Kristina Rafalski, Denisa Rakic, Kristi Rice, David Rogala, Britany Sawdy, Sara Schulz, Adrian Simmons, Ryan Tackett, Rebecca Thornton, Kyle Wasson, Henry Wiggins, Reese Williams, Marissa Wilson, and Jeremiah Yeager.

### Tenth Grade

Clint Bergum, Katie Bolus, Ronald Buckley, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Clark Brittney, Sherri Davis, Julia Deshazor, Brenda Finley, Della Hamby, Kelly Hardway, Megan Hatcher, Bradley Hindman, Melissa Holman, Bethany Hotchkiss, Magan Keely, Hilary Kozma, Leslie Perez, Demequa Poole, Robert Rice, Donald Richison, Tiffany Smith, Bethany Swauger, and Brandon Varga.

### Eleventh Grade

Amanda Bassett, Shanelle Bishop, Chrystal Blair, Angela Bowdler, David Cox, Cortney Daniels, Rochelle Davis, Deborah Fox, Jerome Gray, Jeremy Hendricks, Brandon Hicks, Deana Hunter, Amber Keely, Paul Krause, Chris Moore, Daniel Patterson, Arekeyta Porter, Stephen Potoczek, Antoinette Price, John Schenavar, Kristen Singer, Melissa Smallwood, Nicholas Smith, Natisha Starnes, Lakisha Talley, Melissa Thornton, Gracey Wooden, and Chianta Wyatt.

### Twelfth Grade

Mubbeena Ahmad, Richard Angel, Craig Bailey, Shennoa Blake, Ryan Block, Michael Boomer, Edmond Bowen, Jason Brooks, Tara Brown, Andrea Deline, Jennifer Dewitt, Tracie Finley, Kristin Godard, Chanté Graham, Erik Hall, Jacquelyn Hamilton, Carla Harris, Tracy Hojara, Aisha Hubbard, Nicole Johnson, Rondra Lee, Danielle McClue, Crystal Minner, Brandon Olson, Flemsha Peachier, Jennifer Prater, John Proctor, Geoffrey Raphael, John Ryznar, Christie St. John, Emily Schulz, Jamahl Scott, Ashley Slone, Carrie Spielman, Keith Timbrooks, Norman Underwood, Charles Usztics, Kimberly Usztics, LaJoel Wasson, and Nancy Whittemore.

### HONOR ROLL

Note: The following students have a GPA of 3.0 to 3.49.

### Ninth Grade

Aamer Ahmad, Myles Bell, Andre Belle, Jessica Bright, Alvaro Camacho, Theresa Chadwick, Jerry Collie, Amanda Cooper, Thomas Drayton, Carissa Drobil, Stacey Gilbert, Mishielle Gray, Alicia Harbor, Novella Haugabook, Danielle Hendricks, Jeffrey Hoffman, Marcus Jackson, Constance Kersey, Aaron King, Victoria Lucaj, Cherise Lundy, Michael Mancine, Muneera Marion, Bianca Martinez, Patrick Miller, Jamie Morgan, Jajuan Mosby, Ashley Much, Hanya Ombima, Lauren Romak, Latina Smith, Christopher Speer, Ricky Staten, Patrecia Sucharski, Iesha Taylor, Shekiah Taylor, Amy Thompson, Darryl Vese, Victor Voris, Mark Wheeler, Marvin Wheeler, Jurbar Williams, Kendra Williams, and Kiera Wilson.

### Tenth Grade

Ryan Boyd, Amanda Brewington, Laneisha Brown, Kelli Cholette, Meghan Conway, Carlos Crockett, Brandon Dawson, Bret Fowler, Sarah Gray, Jamie Henne, Curtis Jackson, Paris Jackson, John Jenkins, Crystal Koch, Rhonda Matthews, Andrew McNeil, Jacob Mercado, Michael Moomaw, Maida Mulaosmanovic, Erica Ochs, Heather Patrick, Jesse Patterson, Latoya Pillow, Keona Riley, Miyon Smith, Latoya Starr, Jill Steffani, Matthew Thiede, Tamatasi Toilolo, Kelly Vesey, Renee Walker, Angela Williams, and Megan Woodrow.

### Eleventh Grade

Shameah Abraham, Krista Alley, Trumayne Anderson, Amber Barnes,

## Students Write About Heroes

Pictured below are some of the winners of a "Generation 2000" essay competition, sponsored by the Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force. Each of

the winners was invited to attend a special luncheon with Mayor William Oakley at the High School's "Eagles Nest" last December.



**Romulus High School (from left):** front row – Aricka Foreman, Tiffany Smith, Natasha Baldwin, Amanda Bassett, and Demequa Poole; second row – Ashley Fairbanks, Dave Rogala, Bethany Hutchkiss, Amanda Crosby, Natalie Blake, Randall Frye, and Lysie Ransaw; third row – Joseph Reed, Jerad Kiser, Mubbeena Ahmad, Jennell Harper, and La'Joya Orr; back row – Dan Hurst (Principal), Jason Watson, Michael Gaines, Julian Bond, Jeremy Hendricks, Ray Woodard, Alicia Harbor, Rhiannon Crawford, Angel White, Remone Young, and Mayor William Oakley. (Not pictured: Krista Alley, Joshua Barnes, Amy Bowman, Jessica Bright, Matt Brushinski, Andrea Deline, Randall Frye, Linsey Hoppe, Jasmine Mark, Leslie Erin Perez, Kristina Rafalski, and Rhoda Walton.)



**Romulus Middle School (from left):** front row – Lucretia Johnson, Dean Gilbert, Patricia Williams, Jonathan McLachlan, Michael Stump, Autumn Hughey, and Billy Jean Moomaw; second row – Allison Buckner, Tenika Carter, and Jennifer Calola; third row – Chris Hobson (teacher), Robin Rutherford, Helena Desotell, Carol Deaton, Sarah Ward, Nicole Adams, Paris Hawkins, and Mayor William Oakley; back row – Kursha Bradford, Paulette Sanford, Angel Ford, Ronnie Brown, Lisa Boteler, and Jeremy McNulty. (Not pictured: John Sandefur, Ashley Hill, and Tiffany Bradley.)

Nicole Bills, John Bittenbender, Larry Brown, Ebitari Burutolu, Elizabeth Caburet, Jennifer Camilleri, Nikki Carr, Kelly Carroll, Roger Chapman, Jenny Cornelius, Leah Cotham, Kara Coughlin, Richard Davidson, Dayna Dawson, Stephanie Durtka, Ashley Fairbanks, Danielle Flint, Adam Gibbons, Andrea Gibson, Latoya Hamilton, Rahila Haq, Jennifer Harper, Tiffany Henderson, Ileana Hill, Thomas Hughes, Scott Kennedy, Kathrine Kortas, Gary Lee, Anson Long, Brandon Malott, Jasmine Mark, Jessica May, Lonnie McCollum, Amelia McCray, Daniel McLaughlin, Erica Necker, Jennifer Ottenbreit, Albert Piloci, Peter Proctor, Lindsey Redding, Ashley Rodgers, Nichole Starnes, Christina Tieppo, Chris

Turner, Ray Woodrow, Remone Young, and Angela Zajac.

### Twelfth Grade

Thomas Bolus, Julian Bond, Vanity Boyd, Jodi Bright, Matthew Brushinski, Tracy Coak, Heather Engle, Aricka Foreman, Mychael Gaines, Talisa Garcia, Jason Gibson, Teisha Hall, Jennell Harper, Chris Higgins, Brandon Hindman, Linsey Hoppe, Maricia Johnson, Makenzie Logan, Danyelle Malloy, Amanda McCowan, Kimberly Mingo, Stephanie Mohamed, Michael Mullins, Shawn Phenix, William Randall, Sultan Sharrief, Helen Stewart, Steven Tasky, Jehiquita Tucker, Dino Vann, Princess Walker, Rhoda Walton, Travis Whitehead, and James York. □



# Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins in the downtown area, call 734-942-6852.)

## Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of February: Maggie Brent, Laura Chesno, Bernice Davis, Grace Diller, Mickey Durham, Marilyn Gemmer, Thelma Gibson, Jacqueline Meyers, Ruth Murphy, Ida Noble, James Plank, Shirley Vogler, and Madeline Yeary.

## Free Tax Preparation

Now through mid April, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040 forms, as well as those for home-stead property taxes, home-heating credits, and prescription credits.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

Note: Romulus City Treasurer Pam Kersey also offers free tax-preparation services for seniors on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m. To make an appointment, call 734-942-7580.

## Indulge Yourself on "Fat Tuesday" with Paczkis!

Make the most of Fat Tuesday's excuse to splurge on February 27, when the Romulus Senior Center will be serving hot coffee/tea and fresh paczkis (pronounced "poonchkie") – two to a customer – from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is just \$1.25.

Sign up at the Center no later than Wednesday, February 21.

## February Luncheon Celebrates Black History Month

"Black History Month" will be the theme of the Center's next luncheon, set for Friday, February 16, at 12 p.m. The bill of fare for the afternoon will feature fried chicken, meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad, dessert, and more!

Tickets – just \$6 per person – must be purchased by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14.

## Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- **Motorcity Casino**  
(February 16; \$6)
- **Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant**  
(April 20; \$18)
- **Casino Windsor**  
(March 29; \$5)
- **Sauder Farm & Village**  
(May 25; \$59)

## Support Group Available

"We all experience loneliness, depression, and anger at various times," says the Senior Center's Linda Norman. "Often these feelings feed and grow when we are alone, but starve and weaken when we can draw strength from ourselves and others."

One great way to fight negative feelings is to join support groups such as the one that now meets at the Senior Center each Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. The group is open to all, and costs nothing to join.

## Crime Watch

The Romulus Police Department's new Crime Prevention Officer, Damian Hull, will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 22, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces are always welcome.

## Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, February 19, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: All haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the facilities.

## Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. To make your reservation (no later than 2 p.m. on the day before the trip), please call 734-942-6852 during the Center's normal business hours.

## Outside Chore Service

Area young people doing community-service work are available to perform outside chores for senior citizens each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To make arrangements to receive this service, call the Center. □

## Letters to the Editor

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I believe she is only interested in exploiting the well issue to further her political career. She has caused our citizens to appear dumb for not knowing the facts, and lazy for refusing to find them out. *Enough's enough.*

*The voters tossed out McAnally in 1995. We should do the same to Romak this November.*

Your Friend and Neighbor,  
Jimmie C. Raspberry

## Romak Tells Engler: Find Way To Deny EDS Permit

Dear Governor Engler:

My name is Debbie Romak. I am a Romulus City Councilwoman, but more importantly a mother. The issuance of the [Environmental Disposal Systems hazardous-waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility] permit does not serve the best interest of the public. Michigan's role is to protect the environment and ensure public health, safety, and welfare for all of its citizens. Your role as Governor of the State of Michigan and my role as Councilwoman for the City of Romulus will never be achieved if this permit is issued. This facility poses unacceptable risks to the citizens and the Site Review Board (SRB), appointed by you, agrees. There are only five similar facilities in the entire country. Three of the five have had disasters with endless lawsuits, contamination, spills, and runoffs both subterranean and atmospheric. Then there will be the decrease in assessment in property values since the facility must be disclosed on the Seller's Disclosure.

Neither Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Director Russell Harding nor his technical staff have visited these other sites. Director Harding claims the project is based on scientific merit, not emotion. Others have made the same claim and could not protect those living within a five-mile radius.

Director Harding stated, in a meeting with Romulus City Council, that it will not matter what the SRB recommends; the permit will be issued any-

way. A newspaper article in *The Romulus News* (January 26, 2001) stated that I took Director Harding's statement out of context when he disclosed to elected officials that he would issue the permit, no matter what. Ken Silfven, DEQ spokesperson, stated that Harding was trying to tell the officials that the DEQ would have no other choice than to issue the permit unless the SRB turned up *compelling* reasons to deny it.

What is more compelling than the human health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Michigan?

Please be advised that nine other elected officials, the city attorney, the deputy city clerk, and I heard the same statement and it was not taken out of context.

Please disclose the names of the department's qualified and technical staff members who have yet been unable to identify a defensible reason for denial. The SRB identified them; why hasn't Director Harding? Why isn't the staff looking at independent studies from the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and [real-estate experts in Boston, Massachusetts, who published the "Tellis Report"] – or, better yet, visiting the other sites in Winona, Texas or Vickery, Ohio? Studies have proven that Michigan does not generate enough liquid hazardous waste to justify injection. Therefore, why open our earth to other states, Canada, and Europe?

Governor Engler, we may not agree on party issues, but you have to admit that human health, safety, and welfare is a nonpartisan issue. We both took an oath to protect and ensure. This facility is not and will never be in the best interest of the public. Accept the leadership role for which you were elected and find a way to deny issuance of this permit. Unfortunately, I already know the DEQ opinion before it is rendered. How does my Governor feel? Do you really believe issuing the permit is in the best interest of the people? I shall await your response.

Very truly yours,

Debbie Romak, Councilwoman □

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Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Siblings \_\_\_\_\_

Maternal Grandparents \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Paternal Grandparents \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

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Groomsmen \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Engagement \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Reception \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

# Obituaries

## Andrew P. Hadyniak

Andrew P. Hadyniak of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, January 21, 2001, at the age of 80.

The Romulus native was born on Wednesday, September 20, 1920. He and his wife, Gladys F. (Worden) Hadyniak, were married May 26, 1945, in Wayne, Michigan.

Surviving Andrew are his wife; two daughters, Donna (Ed) Payne (Melvindale, MI) and Andrea (Bob) Overmyer (Cement City, MI); three brothers,

James, John, and Nick Hadyniak (all of Romulus); five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, January 25, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

## Helen O. Howell

Helen O. Howell of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, January 28, 2001, at the age of 75.

The native of Franklin, Tennessee, was born on Monday, September 21, 1925.

Surviving Helen are five children, Sandra (James) Chapman (Romulus), Gary King (New Boston, MI), Steven King (Brownstown, MI), John King (Redford, MI), and Rita Leaman (Taylor, MI); one brother, John Beasley (Fairview,

TN); 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing her are two brothers, Austin Pete and George W. Beasley.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 31, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Willard Nance (Evangelist Baptist Church, Melvindale, MI) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus).

## Eugene H. Jones

Eugene H. Jones of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, January 28, 2001, at the age of 72.

The retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant was born in Akron, Ohio, on Wednesday, December 12, 1928.

Surviving Eugene are his wife Betty;

one son, Leslie (Adrien) Jones (Commerce Twp., MI); one daughter, Cathy L. Burgess (Romulus); and one sister, Arneata (Roy) Cantrell (Seymour, MO).

A funeral service was held on Thursday, February 1, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

## Norman J. Longton

Norman J. Longton of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, January 27, 2001, at the age of 76.

The native of River Rouge, Michigan, was born on Tuesday, April 15, 1924.

Surviving Norman are his wife Adele; a daughter, Marsha (Michael)

Vanmilligan (Marine City, MI); two granddaughters; and a great-granddaughter.

Among those predeceasing him are a brother, Raymond Longton, and a sister, Patricia Anox.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 30, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus). □



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